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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Support of LightSquared, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Please approve LightSquared's launch as soon as possible.

I am a graduate student who is currently juggling school, two internships and a job. My daily travels take me to parts of Oregon where wireless and broadband coverage are spotty at best. It is an absolute must for me to multi-task as I travel between responsibilities. When I lose coverage, I lose time and productivity which adds hours to my day that I do not have.

While there are hours of my day where wireless coverage is elusive, there are communities in Oregon where a dearth of broadband access is their constant reality. These communities, and the families and children that live in them are placed at a serious disadvantage by this digital divide. As somebody who works with youth, I have particular concern for the later. Broadband is absolutely key to a 21<sup>st</sup> education and children who do not have familiarity with broadband due to lack of access will be left behind.

From what I understand about LightSquared, their network will bring 4 G LTE to most of the country. I am also a big proponent of competition and like the fact the LightSquared's wholesale model will allow the small wireless companies here in Oregon to use the LightSquared network to expand while also paving the way for new companies to emerge.

It seems like the only sticking point is potential GPS interference. LightSquared seems to be working in good faith to resolve any issues. The GPS industry should not be able to stand in the way of needed progress for Oregon and LightSquared should be allowed to resolve any issue and move forward.

Please approve the network so Oregon can get the broadband coverage it needs.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Woerner